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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 6,285,781 U.S. Publication No. 2003/0231865 The above-listed documents have a common inventor with, and are

commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §

1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

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